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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: TEXT ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS

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1. ON MORNING OF APRIL 19, PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING
GROUP CONSIDERED THE SECTION ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AND HELD AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE UK
TEXT INTRODUCED THE PREVIOUS EVENING. USDEL (WEILER)
STATED ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS USDEL COULD AGREE
WITH THE UK TEXT (AS PER
REFTEL, PARA 2).

2. IN AN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, UKDEL (KENYON)
EXPLAINED THAT THE UK TEXT WAS DESIGNED TO RESPOND
TO NON-ALIGNED CONCERNS RE NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WESTERN
SECURITY INTERESTS. THE TEXT, HE NOTED, ALSO INCOR-
PORATED ELEMENTS FROM THE SECTION ON THE PREVENTION
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OF THE OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR WHICH ARE GERMANE TO
THE SECURITY ASSURANCES ISSUE. AT A SUBSEQUENT POINT
IN THE DISCUSSION, KENYON NOTED THAT THE
NON-USE FORMULATION IN SUB-PARA 4 WAS NOT NEW AND
INDEED REFLECTED THE STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER
TO THE 32ND UNGA LAST OCTOBER AND ALSO REAFFIRMED
BY THE UK AT THAT TIME. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS

WAS NOT NECESSARILY THE LAST WORD ON THE UK POSITION AT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON THIS ISSUE, BUT RATHER AN EFFORT BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DRAFTING EFFORT AT THIS STAGE.

3. INDIAN DEL (DUBAY), EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FOR INDIA ALONE AND NOT FOR THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, SAID THAT UK TEXT SEEMED TO REPRESENT A CERTAIN EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE NON-USE ISSUE, BUT STILL DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. INDIA, HE SAID, BELIEVES THAT IN CASE OF A NUCLEAR WAR, ALL MANKIND INCLUDING THE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WILL BE DESTROYED. INDIA THEREFORE WANTS AN ASSURANCE THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WILL NOT USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THE UK FORMULA, HE CONTINUED, STIPULATES RATHER BROAD CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS COULD BE JUSTIFIED. INDIA HOPES THAT THE UK WILL RECONSIDER ITS POSITION BETWEEN NOW AND THE SPECIAL SESSION. DUBAY ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE UK TEXT COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE INCLUDED IN THE SECTIONS ON CBMS OR THE PREVENTION OF THE OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

4. PAKISTANI DEL (AKRAM) ALSO SAID UK TEXT WAS USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO DRAFTING EFFORT BUT INSUFFICIENT TO MEET PAKISTANI CONCERNS. PAKISTAN, HE SAID WAS AWARE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFICULTIES FACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IN GIVING TOTAL NON-USE ASSURANCES AND ALSO WAS AWARE OF THE ARGUMENTS OF THE WESTERN STATES REGARDING THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WESTERN SECURITY POLICY. PAKISTAN BELIEVES THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN COMING YEARS TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ALTOGETHER THROUGH NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, WHICH SHOULD RECEIVE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, TO THAT EFFECT. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES SHOULD EXTEND CLEAR-CUT ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHICH HAVE AGREED TO FOREGO NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BINDING AND CREDIBLE GUARANTEES REGARDING NON-USE AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTY TO NUCLEAR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS CONSTITUTE THE BARE MINIMUM WHICH SHOULD BE DONE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION.

5. YUGOSLAV DEL (MIHAILOVIC) SIMILARLY SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA HOPES FOR SOME MORE TANGIBLE FORMULATION ON NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE QUESTIONED THE MEANING OF "APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES" IN THE UK TEXT. NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES,

HE SAID, DID NOT WANT MERELY TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN SECURITY FROM NUCLEAR ATTACK -- AS PROPOSED BY THE UK -- BUT WANTED TO INCREASE SECURITY FOR EVERYONE. THE REFERENCE TO "ARMED ATTACK", HE ADDED, COULD BE USED TO LEGITIMIZE THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AROUND THE WORLD WHERE EVEN SMALL UNITS OF FOREIGN FORCES MIGHT BE STATIONED.

6. AFTER THIS DISCUSSION THE DRAFTING GROUP CONSIDERED

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THE LANGUAGE OF INTRODUCTION TO THE NON-USE SECTION. THERE WAS AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING FIRST SENTENCE. "THE MOST EFFICIENT GUARANTEE AGAINST THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR AND USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. INDIA THEN PROPOSED A NEW SECOND SENTENCE, AMENDED BY PAKISTAN AS FOLLOWS: "SINCE THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD CAUSE INDISCRIMINATE SUFFERING AND DESTRUCTION OF MANKIND AND AS SUCH IS A CRIME CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TO THE LAWS OF HUMANITY, AS LONG AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXIST THREATENING THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES PARTICULARLY THE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN:" THIS HAS BEEN BRACKETED BY THE WEST.

7. USDEL ALSO DISCUSSED UK NON-USE TEXT WITH FRG REPS PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING GROUP.

REPORT ON THE DISCUSSION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. YOUNG

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